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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability dated April 28, 2006, calls for Applicant to submit corrected drawings as required in the Office Action dated December 30, 2005. In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings in that 12/30/05 Office Action, Applicant responded with the following remarks:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings on the ground that "a single magnetic airgap" as claimed in claim 11 is not shown. Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner's attention to Figs. 1 and 2A, which each show a single annular airgap 42 and 87, respectively, between the co-rotation halves of the rotor. This structure is described on page 6, lines 29-3, and page 8, lines 13-15. The sectional views of Figs. 1 and 2A might

superficially make it look like there are two airgaps, one on each side of the rotational axis, but that is simply because they are sectional views of cylindrical structures.

The Action following this response by Applicant was a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability. The Notice of Allowability did not include any reason why Applicant's explanation noted above was not satisfactory, nor any reference to Applicant's explanation whatsoever, so Applicant does not know how to make the situation any more clear. The Examiner's objection to the drawings is unfounded; the drawings do indeed clearly show at least two embodiments, each with a single airgap. Indeed Fig. 7 also shows another embodiment with a single airgap 207.

Accordingly, there appears to be no need for corrected drawings since the existing drawings do indeed illustrate the subject matter claimed in claim 11. If there is any further confusion regarding this matter, the Examiner is cordially invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number noted below for a discussion.

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